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## Resource Action Identification Form

It is anticipated that potential Resource Actions may be very preliminary at this stage. Please fill out as many sections as possible (understanding that you may not have this information or it may not be available) but, at a minimum, sections 1, 2, and 3. Resource Actions may be refined, reviewed and parked over time through Work Group, Plenary and Settlement discussions.

**1. Name of Proposed Resource Action:**

- a. Name of proposed PM&E option: \_\_\_\_\_

**Protection of Sacred Ancestral Sites at Foreman Creek – Relocate Car-Top Boat Ramp.**

**2. Proposed Resource Action – Please describe and include the following:**

- a. Describe the proposed resource action in as much detail as practical:

Due to the enormous amount of Sacred Ancestral Sites within the Foreman Creek area that are being greatly adversely affected by the use of the car-top boat ramp during periods of low water (below 800 feet). A protective measure to avoid or reduce impacts to this entire area is greatly needed. These measures include relocating the existing car-top boat ramp. Coordination with the Department of Water Resources, Recreation Work Group and the Inter Tribal Unity Council would be needed to identify the optimal area for relocation and establish protection measures through the Natural Resource Management Plan.

- b. Any physical or operational changes:

( X ) Yes                      ( ) No                      ( ) Don't know

If Yes, Please explain:

The current car-top boat ramp at Foremen Creek would be relocated to a comparable nearby location. This relocation would involve physical improvements such as a new boat ramp, roadway, parking etc. this resource action will greatly reduce the destruction of the cultural resources within the area that are sacred to the Maidu People.

- c. Proposed start date and duration:

Start (month/yr): ASAP

Duration (month(s)/yr(s)):

This should be a pre-license project due to the immense destruction of the sacredness of the cultural resources in the area.

- d. Location (within FERC boundary/outside FERC boundary):

( X ) Inside

( ) Outside

( ) Don't Know

Please specify possible locations(s) referring to the linked map

(<http://orovillereicensing.water.ca.gov/maps.html>). Or providing a map as appropriate:

The existing road that is being used as a ramp is located at Foreman Creek and runs completely through the Sacred Ancestral Sites within the area. The new ramp could be adequately accommodated in the same vicinity above the Sacred Ancestral Sites.

- e. Please provide alternative potential Resource Actions for addressing the same resource goal and/or Project 2100 effects referring to the linked map, or providing a map as appropriate:

An alternative measure to avoid further destruction and insure protection of all Sacred Ancestral Sites within the Foreman Creek Area would be to relocate the car-top boat ramp to an area above the Sacred Sites and repatriate the Foreman Creek Sacred Ancestral Site to the local Maidu Tribes for protection to be provided through the Inter Tribal Unity Council's Natural Resource Management Plan.

- f. Describe the methods for measuring the goals and performance of the Resource Action or methods for evaluation success against the known resource goal(s):

Relocation of the car-top boat ramp is self-evident. Monitoring of site conditions would be done in coordination with the Inter Tribal Unity Council's Tribal Rangers Program to determine if this relocation was providing adequate protection from impacts due to recreational use. This would need to be coordinated with Department of Water Resources, Department of Parks and Recreation and the Inter Tribal Unity Council to establish monitoring requirements prior to implementation of this proposed action.

g. Describe the feasibility of the Resource Action:

Relocation of the car-top boat ramp appears to be very feasible, not only will it provide the local community access to the northern side of the lake it will prevent further destruction to the Sacred Ancestral Sites in the area. There will need to be strong cooperation and coordination between the Inter Tribal Unity Council, Recreation and Socioeconomics, Engineering and Operations, Department of Parks and Recreation and Department of Boating and Waterways to ensure the success of this action.

h. Please mark the applicable Working Groups that would be involved in the implementation of this Resource Action:

- ( X ) Land Use and Management
- ( X ) Recreation & Socioeconomics
- ( X ) Cultural Resources
- ( X ) Engineering and Operations
- ( X ) Environmental

**3. Contact Information for Submitter(s) & Alternate Contact:**

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d. Organization (s) represented by submitter:

Berry Creek, Enterprise, Mooretown Rancherias.

**Please fill out the following questions to the best of your ability, understanding that you may not have this information or it may not be available.**

**4. Resource Goals:**

- a. Identify and describe the resource goal the Resource Action is related to, providing reference to the resource goal number(s) described, as appropriate:

**This resource action addresses a number of Cultural Resource goals oriented toward the desire to protect cultural resources in the project area. Specific Resource Goals include:**

CR02.01 – Evaluate the need and methods to provide protection of cultural resources.

CR02.02 – Emphasize protection of all significant cultural resource values within the APE (including those that lie beneath the reservoir).

CR02.03 – Develop special protective measures for “high-risk” situations (sites exposed to potential damage during reservoir drawdowns or through recreational activities).

CR02.04 – Establish areas to be managed primarily for historical preservation purposes (historical areas, traditional use areas and repatriation locations).

CR03.01 – Develop a Cultural Resources Management Plan to avoid, minimize and mitigate adverse project effects of existing and future project facilities, operations and maintenance on cultural resources.

CR03.02 – Develop a Cultural Resources Management Plan based on an understanding of how the operation and maintenance of the project hydroelectric facilities and activities associated with the project (recreation use/developments, wildlife management and fuel load management) could affect significant cultural resources values.

CR03.03 – Develop management guidelines addressing the potential effects of project activities on cultural resources, with an emphasis on procedures needed to protect and enhance significant resources values.

- b. Explanation of how the Resource Action furthers that goal:

By providing the community with a newly developed recreational facility at Foreman Creek above the Sacred Ancestral Sites and stopping the continued use of the old road, intentional and unintentional destruction to the Sacred Ancestral Sites within the Foreman Creek Area will be stopped or greatly reduced.

5. Identify the Resource Issue/Relationship to Project and Relicensing:

- a. Describe the issue the Resource Action is intended to address, referring as appropriate to Issue Statement(s) number(s):

This Resource Action is intended to address several Cultural Resources issue Statements related to the protection of Cultural Resources within the APE with strong emphases on the protection of Maidu Ancestral Remains and Maidu Ancestral Artifacts, Specific Issue Statement number CRE1, CRE9, CR19, CRE21, CRE22, CRE26, CRE62, CRE57.

- b. Describe the relationship between the Resource Action and the project, including any project impacts the Resource Action is intended to address:

Draw down of the reservoir and low water months create the intentional and unintentional disturbance and destruction of the Sacred Ancestral Sites within the Foreman Creek Area. This issue must be addressed under CEQA and NEPA, and adverse effects to these Sacred Ancestral Sites must be resolved under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

- c. Identify any comprehensive plans that this Resource Action is related to:

Inter Tribal Unity Council's Natural Resource Management Plan for the protection and enhancement of the Maidu Aboriginal Territory.